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TAGS: PEPR, PINS, PBOR, CD, LY SUBJECT: SITUATION IN CHAD

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- 1. PRESIDENT MALLOUM LEFT NDJAMENA FOR TRIPOLI MORNING OF APRIL 8. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ROASNGAR, MINISTER OF JUSTICE MAHAMOUD, AND LIBYAN AMBASSADOR. PRESIDENT INTENDS TO STOP AT NIAMEY ON HIS RETURN TRIP. LOCAL PRESS MENTIONS ONLY VISIT TO NIAMEY.
- 2. FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE MADE FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN SEVERAL WEEKS, IN ADDRESSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY ON CHADINA FOREIGN POLICY. CONFIDENTIAL

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IN A TWO HOUR QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH ABOUT 1,000 STUDENTS AND FRIENDS KAMOUGUE APPEARED CONFIDENT AND IN CONTROL OF SITATTION. HE ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS INCLUDING THOSE ON POSSIBLE INTERNAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIMSELF AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SMC, OPENLY AND FRANKLY. (HIS RESPONSE SAID THAT OF COURSE THERE WERE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE

MEMBERS, BUT THESE DIFFERENCES WERE MINOR COMPARED TO THE MAGNITUDE OF CHADS EXTERNAL PROBLEM). IN ANSWERING A QUESTION ON FRENCH TROOPS IN CHAD, HE TOOK THE POSITION IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF VICE PRESIDENT DJIME, NAMELY THAT FENCH ADVISORS WERE IN CHAD UPON THE INVITATION OF SOVEREIGN CHADIAN GOVERNMENT AND THIS WAS NOT THE BUSINESS OF ANY OUTSIDERS. MINISTER OF EDUCATION GOUARA LASSOU DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING. BRADFORD

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